# Evergreen Fire District Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Meeting Minutes
Regular Board Meeting of May 1, 2017

## **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Jack calls meeting to order at 4:09 PM on May 1st

Trustees in attendance: Jack Fallon, Shawn Baker, Dave Edwards, Dave Adams

Trustees Absent: John Foust

**Staff/Employees in attendance**: Fire Chief, Craig Williams, Fire Marshall, Ben Covington, Lieutenant, Jackie Smith, Cole Williams, Dustin Gurden, Captain, James Boyce, Jackson Corne, Jack Knuffke, Wayne Evert, Lieutenant, Josh Cox, Kim Vierra, Maddie Wamsley, Travis Cik.

#### **RECOGNIZE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:**

(none)

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

At this time, public may comment on any public matter that is not on the Agenda of the Meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the District.

#### **FINANCIALS:**

1. Discuss and Approve March Financials
Dave Adams raised a question about a Batteries Plus purchase that he thought was costly. It was to replace a battery tender, remote and labor costs. Craig added that the department had some fires and that he was aware that the department has been slightly higher in payroll due to those fires and call volume.

Shawn makes a motion to approve the financials and checks presented; seconded by Dave Edwards; motion passes unanimously.

#### PAST ITEMS/UPDATES:

1. Approve Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2017
Shawn makes a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2017 with no changes; Seconded by Dave Adams; motions passes unanimously.

## 2. Apparatus Update

Craig informs the Board that General Fire is well under way with fixing the issues on 831. EFD and General Fire are negotiating the air system issue. Craig told the Board that if 831 had to be pre-tripped it would have failed. Dave Adams added that we couldn't pre trip it because if you run your air and run the truck out of air and release the parking brake and it moves that that is a red tag and the apparatus would have to sit there and if each shift that came on did an actual pre trip that the fire truck would never make it anywhere and would have to sit. Dave Adams stated that the apparatus has rolled across the street through traffic, it's backed into other rigs, it's been through a door at the department, and it's almost killed Craig and Don Doty. Craig states that he is pretty pleased with General Fire's progress and anticipated turn-around time as GF has about 100 other apparatus in need of repairs in their bay.

## 3. Levy Update

Craig and Ben presented the Board with some preliminary numbers for review regarding wage increase, retirement and health benefit packages. Ben breaks down the packages and states that each plan is down. Plan A has \$250,000.00 for CIP, Plan B is \$200,000.00, Plan C is \$150,000.00 with benefits also having been scaled down with Plan C being 'bare bones'. Ben asks the Board for direction on what is acceptable to them in giving personnel for medical and retirement benefits. Craig states that the obvious preferred plan is A and will cost 1.1 million but will provide the department with what is needed for present and future growth and will ultimately be in the best interest of the community. Board members and staff ultimately agree that the public needs to be educated on these issues and the education process will be starting with newsletters. Surveying the community as well as various PR opportunities were also discussed. Jack Fallon suggests forming a committee and gathering about 15 people from the 4 different demographic areas of the district and start conversation about what the community would like to see in regards to the fire department and the services provided. It was discussed that in order to be ready for a March vote, there needs to be at least 6 meetings for discussion with the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting commencing in June and the last meeting ending in November with campaigning in January and February.

Shawn made a motion to approve forming a committee; seconded by Dave Adams; motion passes unanimously.

Committee members include; Dave Adams, Shawn Baker, Craig Williams, Ben Covington, Jack Fallon

NEW ITEMS/UPDATES: (none)
RESOLUTIONS: (none)
PROPOSALS:
CHIEF'S REPORT:
Meeting is adjourned at 5:43 PM.
The President of the Board of Trustees, as presiding officer of any meeting of the Board of Trustees, may close the meeting during the time the discussion relates to a matter of individual privacy; and, then, if, and only if, the presiding officer determines that the demands of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure. The right of individual privacy may be waived by the individual about whom the discussion pertains; and, in that event, the meeting must be open.
Submitted by: Secretary
Signed by:  Jack Fallon- Chairman